

# PREPARING FOR WINTER'S WORK

**Congressmen and Senators are Gathering in Washington for 60th Session.**

**EMPLOYEES RETICENT AND NON-COMMITAL**

**Administration Circles are Greatly Elated Over the Recent Election, Although Not Allowed to Take an Active Interest.**

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Within another week Congressmen will be coming into Washington to make their preparations for the winter, and to gossip over the results of the election, and the influence these results will have on the action of Congress at the coming session and on the choice of a President two years hence. Politicians have learned long ago that elections may go one way in an off year and another way when the people come to the selection of a new administration of federal affairs. Since 1894 the tide has been so strong in favor of Republican politics, at all elections that the leaders of that party appear to believe that substantial reverses are in the future, but in American elections are very uncertain things even when the sun shines brightest. Washington never has been a political barometer, and, in the very nature of things, can not be, yet nowhere in the country are elections watched with more interest. In the days before the civil service regime, everybody in this city was a politician, because he secured his place and retained or lost it as the party tide ebbed up or down.

It is somewhat different now, for hundreds of those in government employ are afraid to display much interest for fear it will act against them and they be accused of "pernicious activity," and hundreds of others actually do not care how elections go, for they really have no political preferences. There was a time when it was almost universally held that a man could not be a good and patriotic citizen unless he took a deep and abiding interest of the political affairs of the country, and there is danger that as we get away from this idea we will lose in the strength of character of our people, and in love for our institutions. Be this as it may, the departmental atmosphere in Washington is not conducive to strenuous political activity.

It was Cleveland and his first Postmaster General, Vilas, who made the term "pernicious activity" not only famous but formidable. Civil Service Reform was then in its infancy, just trying to throw off its swaddling clothes, but it had not taken a very strong hold on the people, being looked upon as a sort of a fad for the amusement of cranks who had been disappointed in getting the places they desired. It was just strong enough, however, to keep Cleveland from going openly against the current, yet his party was very hungry; his party followers had long been kept at a distance from the Government crib, and they longed once more to partake of the federal flesh pots, so a way had to be found by which, with some show of howling to the civil service creed, to get Republicans out and Democrats in. Under these circumstances someone discovered that happy phrase, "pernicious activity." It served the purpose very well, like the phrase discovered by Ben Butler, when the government was anxious to find some way by which slaves could be freed, without appearing to do so. Under this term "pernicious activity" Republicans were let out, because of their activity.

"Pernicious activity" has had its influence in closing the mouths of government employes, and almost any kind of political activity has been classed as "pernicious" by those who have desired to make political nonentities of everyone in the government service, so, of late years it has been hard to discover a government clerk in Washington brave enough to openly announce his preference for any party. It is true that a large number annually go home to vote, but they do it without announcing beforehand their party preferences. While the clamp has been put upon the employes and the under officers, there has never been an election where the cabinet has displayed so much activity. Every cabinet officer who can make a speech has been in the service, and at least one speech was dictated by the President. It is not everyone who holds a cabinet position that can make a political speech, but they can do effective political work in other directions, and it is quietly claimed that a recent visit to New York of Post-

master General Cortelyou had a very decisive influence on the campaign. The question naturally comes up why if it is right and proper for a cabinet officer to take a very active part in political campaigns that it is wrong for a subordinate in his Department to display any interest in the same campaign? or why active stumping is laudable on the part of a cabinet officer, when expressing merely a preference becomes "pernicious activity" in a subordinate? We are not answering conundrums, hence leave it to the readers to draw the distinction. The fact that the President and his cabinet were wrought up to such strenuous work shows that there was danger in the air for the Republicans, and points that two years hence the two parties will line up for a great political battle with chances a little more even than heretofore. Who can now predict the result?

It is an open secret that administrative circles are not greatly elated over the results of the election on Tuesday. The narrow escape from what is denominated "Hearstism," in New York has caused the old chills to run up and down the administrative spiral column. It was expected the Democrats would make gains in the House, but the defeat of some of the old Republican wheel horses, when not expected has a dampening influence. Some parties are claiming that the result in Pennsylvania as a Roosevelt victory, while others point to the same and say if it is a Roosevelt victory then the President stands for a machine against those demanding reform. So it goes. From the signs here the Democrats are not unduly cast down by the result, but, in fact, are made more hopeful for two years hence than they have been for some time.

for they really have no political preference. One result of the election is that it discloses the fact that organized labor is not ready to be turned into a political machine by one man, and to give up the individual judgment of the union working man by that of a leader. Mr. Gompers entered the campaign with a long black list of members who were candidates for re-election, and put all the machinery at his command to work to secure their defeat. Not a single success has greeted him, while in fact, some of those he opposed were elected by increased majorities. It is evident that workmen still think for themselves.

The defeat of Representative James W. Wadsworth, in the 34th New York district is somewhat of a surprise. Mr. Wadsworth has served ten consecutive terms in congress, with distinguished ability and his defeat will be a serious loss to the House, for his long experience made him a most valuable member. For several years he has been chairman of the House committee on agriculture, and in that position has rendered great service to the country, and especially to the agricultural interests.

The country at large will approve the action of the President in ordering the dismissal from the service of the three companies of colored troops engaged in the recent riotous acts at Brownsville, Texas. The order that the members of the three companies shall be forever barred from re-enlisting in the army or navy, or from holding any civil position under the government, is especially severe, but riotous acts on the part of soldiers must be rigorously dealt with if the high grade of the army is to be maintained.

American farmers have long been discussing ways and means to turn their farms to the best advantage and it is a little surprising they have never turned their attention to the raising of goats, especially in some sections. When it comes to use for the table goat meat is not to be sneezed at, and goat-milk cheese is always in demand, but a glance at the statistics of American importations of goat skins will give an idea of the immense demand for that article of commerce. The increase in quantity and value of these importations has furnished a surprise to our customs officials. It is said that but one article of import, pig tin, shows a greater increase during the last ten years than goat skins. In 1896 in round numbers, the import of goat skins amounted to 46,747,029 pounds, valued at \$10,304,395, and for the fiscal year 1906, to 111,079,391 pounds, valued at \$31,775,069. It will be seen that the amount in pounds nearly trebled in the ten years, and the value was more than three times as great. In ten years, from 1896 to 1906, the total value of goat skins imported into the United States, omitting those imported in the form of leather or kid gloves, amounted to more than \$240,000,000.

These figures are worthy of attention, especially from those who have farms adapted to the raising of goats. The demand for goat skins increases yearly and is likely to continue to increase.

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**PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.**

**Fortieth Annual Meeting Convened in Colorado.**

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 13.—The fortieth annual convention of the National Grange, patrons of Husbandry, will meet here today and continue for ten days. E. B. Norris, chairman of the executive committee, speaking last night of the society and the matters to be considered at this convention, said:

"The agitation for a parcels post will be one of the important matters taken up by the convention and the obtaining of federal aid for good roads will be another. The good results which have attended our efforts so far are due to the fact that our organization is entirely non-partisan as far as politics are concerned, and our aim is to obtain the reforms needed in this country to give the farmer all that is coming to him. We have nearly a million members in the grange now and there will be between 1,000 and 1,500 here to this convention. Only 100 of these are delegates who will have votes but there will be other delegates who will have a voice in all discussions.

**In Time of Peace.**

In the first months of the Russia-Japan war we had a striking example of the necessity for preparation and the early advantage of those who, so to speak, "have shingled their roofs in dry weather." The virtue of preparation has made history and given to us our greatest men. The individual as well as the nation should be prepared for any emergency. Are you prepared to successfully combat the first cold you take? A cold can be treated much more quickly when treated as soon as it has been contracted and before it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds and it should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by Frank Hart, Leading Druggist.

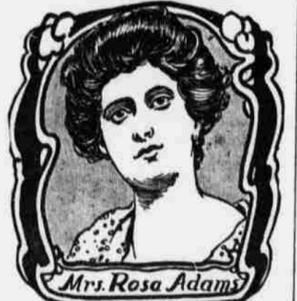
**STRIKE SETTLED.**

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 13.—A dispatch received by the government officials here tonight reports that the long pending strike at the Crow's Nest coal mines at Fernie, B. C., has been settled and the strikers will return to work at once.

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But she doesn't get "all right," and hope vanishes; then come the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES.

Don't wait until your sufferings have driven you to despair, with your nerves all shattered and your courage gone, but take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. See what it did for Mrs. Rosa Adams, of 819 13th Street, Louisville, Ky., niece of the late General Roger Hanson, C.S.A. She writes:

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If you have some derangement of the female organism write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice.

**BALLOON MILANO.**

Left Milan and Traveled Over Mount Blanc in Safety.

MILAN, Nov. 13.—Details of the trip of the balloon Milano, which left the grounds of the International exposition last Sunday and arrived at Aix-les-Bains, after having traveled over Mount Blanc, have been received here.

The Milano has a capacity of 1000 cubic metres. The men on board were Signor Uselli, a survivor of the catastrophe to the balloon Regina Elena in the Adriatic sea last summer, and Signor Crespi. The report received is from the latter aviator. The Milano had splendid weather from the start and soon reached an altitude of 16,000 feet. The balloon was traveling northward over Mount Blanc, and as it progressed the air grew colder and colder. Below them the travelers could see nothing except an extensive field of snow, broken by sharp peaks, and dotted with frozen Alpine lakes. The highest altitude reached was 20,500 feet. The rarified atmosphere made it necessary for the men to resort to their supply of oxygen to keep alive. At one point of the trip Signor Uselli succumbed to the nervous strain and burst into tears. On the other side of the mountain the balloon descended gradually and landed safely at Aix-les-Bains. A distance of 175 miles was covered in three hours.

**Made Happy for Life.**

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Alban's, West Virginia, when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment, but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

**DIVORCE IN HIGH LIFE.**

The Adams Divorce Case Attracting Attention in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13.—Flora C. Adams, wife of Henry Austin Adams, known locally as Vincent Harper, who has been made a defendant in an action for divorce brought in the King's County Superior Court, will contest the suit and file a cross bill against the plaintiff, A. Peters of the firm of Peters & Powell, representing Mrs. Adams, made the announcement yesterday that the case will be contested and that the cross bill will be filed before the case comes to trial. He also said that while it is not likely that the defendant's wife will appear in court in person the case has been continued to allow time for depositions to be taken in New York in her behalf.

The action was to have been heard in the Superior Court yesterday before Judge Griffin, but was postponed on the petition of the attorneys for both the plaintiff and defendant. It has been re-set for December 14.

**STEEL CARS BUILT.**

Six Hundred Being Constructed for Pennsylvania Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—Six hundred steel passenger cars are to be built for the Pennsylvania Railroad during the next year. Space for 500 cars has been reserved with the American Car & Foundry Company. The total cost is estimated at \$6,000,000. The order to the American Car & Foundry Company. These cars will be constructed at the Altoona shops of the railway company. The total cost is estimated at \$6,000,000. The order to the American Car & Foundry Company will be divided so as to include coaches, baggage, express and mail cars. The company has also ordered 25 new freight engines. These will be built at the company's shops at Altoona.

**PROTECT THE NEGROES.**

Conditions of the Black Man Very Bad in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—At the twelfth annual meeting and banquet of the Collegiate club last night, William J. Schieffelin, chairman of the committee for the general improvement of the industrial conditions of the negroes in New York, declared the condition of the negro in this city was bad and likely to become worse. He said in part:

"In the north the tendency is to treat the negro with political equality, but with social severity. The recent troubles in the South may be repeated here some time. An example of the way the negro is treated was afforded on the Upper West Side a little while ago. In that and similar cases, where whites and negroes quarrel, the police generally hit the negro.

"The most distracting campaign ever waged in the South has just closed in Georgia. At least twenty of those killed by the mobs were victims of Hoke Smith's campaign."

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